

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1 to 49 were pending, claims 44 to 49 being withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 to 43 were rejected. By this amendment claims 1, 4-6, 11, 20, 22, 32, 37, 38, and 42 have been amended.

It is believed and intended that no matter has been added by this amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claims 22 and 42 were objected to because of the abbreviation ABS. The appropriate chemical name has been included together with the abbreviation in amended claims 22 and 42. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection is rendered moot.

Claim rejections under - 35 USC § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 43 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being definite. By this amendment claim 1 has been amended as shown on the preceding listing of claims. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 1 is rendered moot.

Claim 4 was also rejected. Claim 4 has been amended. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 4 is rendered moot.

Claims 5 and 6 were rejected on grounds of insufficient antecedent basis. It is respectfully submitted that these rejections are rendered moot in view of the amendment to claim 1 to recite "at least one rim portion".

Claim 11 was rejected and such has been amended. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection is rendered moot.

Claim 20 was rejected. This has also been amended, and it is submitted that the rejection is rendered moot.

Claim 32 was rejected. The wording thereof has been amended. It is submitted that this rejection is rendered moot.

Claim 38 was rejected. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is rendered moot in view of the amendment to claim 38 presented hereby.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is noted that the Examiner indicated allowability of claims 1 to 43 if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. It is submitted that these rejections have been addressed and are rendered moot in view of the amendments presented hereby.

Conclusion

The present amendment does not raise any new issued and does not require any further searching on the part of the Examiner. The present amendment places the application in condition for allowance and is believed to be clearly appropriate.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0090. Please also credit any overpayments to this Deposit Account.

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